

August 20, 2013

Item No. 12

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SYSTEM SOLUTIONS INC. TO PROVIDE
CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY WITH A MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT FOR THE CHA'S
HP HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners ("Board") authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to enter into a contract with System Solutions Inc. to provide Chicago Housing Authority with a maintenance agreement for the CHA's HP hardware and software inventory for the period of September 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015, in an amount not-to-exceed \$483,790.

The Executive Vice President ("EVP") of Finance, the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of Procurement have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative and recommend the approval of this item accordingly.

CORPORATE GOAL

The proposed program supports CHA's corporate goals of ensuring that the CHA's housing portfolio is safe, decent and sustainable.

FUNDING: General Fund

SOLICITATION SUMMARY

Specification No.:	RFP 13-01134
Vendor:	System Solutions Inc. 3630 Commercial Northbrook, Illinois 60062
Contract Type:	Professional Services
Base Contract Amount:	\$ 483,790 (Not-to-Exceed)
Base Contract Period:	2 Years (Service and Support)
Contract Term:	December 20, 2013 - December 19, 2015
Option Period:	N/A
Solicitation Release Date:	April 22, 2013
Days Advertised:	30
Addendum:	3
Publication(s):	Chicago Sun-times, Chicago Defender, Extra
Pre-Bid/Proposal Date:	May 2, 2013
Solicitation Due Date:	June 12, 2013
Vendor List:	475
Assist Agencies:	66
Pick-up List:	43
Respondents:	Two (2)

M/W/DBE Participation:

Direct:

MBE 100 %WBE %DBE %

Indirect:

MBE %WBE %DBE %

Waiver: No (Yes/No)

Section 3:

Hiring 1 Subcontracting (\$) Other Economic Opportunities \$7,256.83

GENERAL BACKGROUND

The Chicago Housing Authority utilizes an enterprise class storage solution from Hewlett Packard (HP). The HP Enterprise Virtual Array (EVA) Storage Area Network (SAN) stores CHA's mission critical applications and data, such as CHA's E-mail, Internet gateway, File Servers, Print Servers, SharePoint, Domain Controllers and Housing Offer Process (HOP). The HP Data Protector software system is utilized to backup all Chicago Housing Authority data. Prudent business practices require support agreements to provide preventive and remedial maintenance to minimize system outages.

The CHA's main inventory of HP hardware and software is currently under maintenance through December 19, 2013. Portions of the CHA's HP inventory were acquired at different times and have support coverage that is due to expire in August 2013. The CHA issued solicitation #13-01134 to secure extended maintenance and support for its full HP hardware and software inventory for a two (2) year base term, inclusive of a short term extension for the inventory due to expire in August 2013, in order to bring the entire CHA HP inventory under a single consolidated support term.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with all applicable Chicago Housing Authority Board policies and all applicable federal (HUD) procurement laws.

The EVP of Finance concurs with the recommendation to enter into a contract with System Solutions Inc. to provide Chicago Housing Authority with a maintenance and support agreement covering the CHA's full HP hardware and software inventory for a consolidated base term from December 20, 2013 through December 19, 2015, inclusive of a short term extension of maintenance and support for that portion of the HP inventory that is set to expire in August 2013. Collectively the funding requested to cover the CHA's full HP inventory through December 2015 shall be in an amount not-to-exceed \$483,790.

The CEO/President recommends the approval to enter into a contract with System Solutions Inc. to provide Chicago Housing Authority with a maintenance and support agreement for the CHA's consolidated HP hardware and software inventory through December 2015, in an amount not-to-exceed \$483,790.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-CHA-70

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the memorandum dated August 20, 2013 titled "AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SYSTEM SOLUTIONS INC. TO PROVIDE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY WITH A MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT FOR THE CHA'S HP HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE INVENTORY"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

THAT, the Board of Commissioners ("Board") authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to enter into a contract with System Solutions Inc. to provide Chicago Housing Authority with a maintenance and support agreement for the CHA's consolidated HP hardware and software inventory through December 19, 2015, in an amount not-to-exceed \$483,790.

These awards are subject to the Contractor's compliance with the CHA's applicable MBE/WBE/DBE, Section 3 resident hiring, bonding and insurance requirements.



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